Intellectual Disability Database Bulletin 2017



CHO Area 4: Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, West Cork

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Demographic profile

There were 4,148 people registered on the National Intellectual Disability Database (NIDD) in CHO Area 4 in December 2017. Less than one third (1,166, 28.1%) of the persons in CHO Area 4 were aged less than 18 years, 1,186 (28.6%) were aged between 18 and 34 years, 1,197 (28.9%) were aged between 35 and 54 years and 599 (14.4%) were aged 55 years and over (Figure 1). The implications of Ireland's ageing population profile of people with intellectual disabilities are discussed in the annual report of the National Intellectual Disability Database Committee 2017. The majority of those registered, 2,385 people (57.5%), were in the moderate, severe, or profound range of intellectual disability. A further 1,496 people (36.1%) were classified as having a mild intellectual disability, and 267 people (6.4%) had not had their level of intellectual disability established.

In addition to the 4,148 registrations described above, the NIDD CHO Area 4 also contains records relating to 158 people of average ability and 153 people with a borderline intellectual disability; however these people were not included in this analysis.

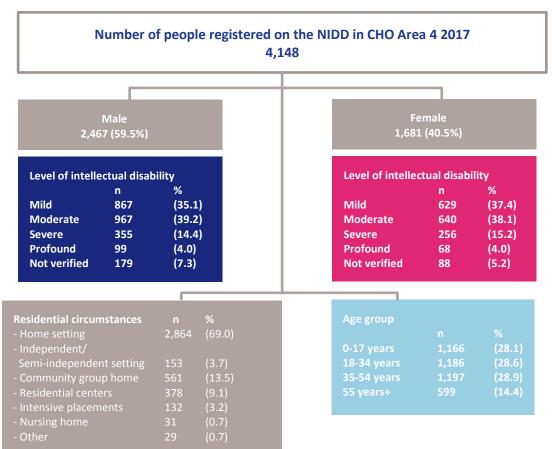


Figure 1 Profile of the population registered in CHO Area 4, NIDD 2017

Living arrangements in 2017

- 2,864 people (69.0%) lived at home with parents, relatives or foster parents.
- 561 people (13.5%) lived in community group homes.
- 378 people (9.1%) lived in residential centres.
- 153 people (3.7%) lived independently or semi-independently.
- 132 people (3.2%) lived in intensive placements.
- 31 people (0.7%) lived in nursing homes.
- 6 people (0.1%) lived in psychiatric hospitals.
- 6 people (0.1%) lived in mental health community residences.
- Less than 5 people lived in other full-time residential settings.
- Less than 5 people had no fixed abode.

Service Provision in 2017

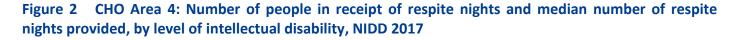
Table 1 summarises service provision within CHO Area 4 and displays the equivalent national figures. In 2017 within CHO Area 4 there were:

- 4,067 people with intellectual disability receiving services, which represents 98.0% of the total population registered within CHO Area 4.
- 47 people (1.1%) who did not receive a service in 2017 and were on a waiting list.
- 34 people (0.8%) who were without services in 2017 and had no identified requirement for services in the period 2018-2022.

Table 1 Summary of service provision in CHO Area 4, 2017					
	CHO Area 4		National		
	n	%	n	%	
Attending services on a day basis	2,935	70.8	20,404	71.9	
Receiving 5-or 7-day residential services	1,122	27.0	7,391	26.0	
Resident in a psychiatric hospital	6	0.1	139	0.5	
Receiving residential support services only	~	~	24	0.1	
Receiving no service-on waiting list	47	1.1	259	0.9	
No identified service requirements	34	0.8	171	0.6	
Total	4,148	100	28,388	100	

To protect against the indirect identification of people, values in cells containing less than 5 cases have been supressed and denoted with the symbol ~

Day services were provided to 4,052 people in 2017. The most common day service types were activation centres (988 people, 24.4%), special schools (715 people, 17.6%), and sheltered work centres (528 people, 13.0%). A total of 3,471 (83.7%) people registered in CHO Area 4 availed of multidisciplinary support services such as medical services and psychiatry. Figure 2 shows the relationship between level of disability and the median number of respite nights received in 2017. In total 16,579 respite nights were provided to 586 people by CHO Area 4 in 2017. As might be expected, people with severe or profound levels of intellectual disability received on average more respite nights than those with mild or moderate levels of intellectual disability.





Service needs 2018-2022

Summary of unmet need

The term 'unmet need' refers to a range of situations: people who are not receiving any service; those who are without a major service type such as a full-time residential service or a day service; and those who are without required residential support services. The number of new full-time residential, day, and residential support service places required, within CHO Area 4 and nationally, to meet the needs of those who were without a service in 2017 is shown in Table 2. Almost all of these places are required immediately. It should be noted that the number of new day places required does not include people who require their day place to be changed or enhanced, for example, those who are leaving education and require a training or employment service. This service need is considered separately below.

Table 2 Number of new places required to meet need in CHO Area 4, 2018-2022, NIDD 2017					
	CHO Area 4	National	CHO Area 4 as a % of National		
Full-time residential	319	2,179	14.6		
Day	51	185	27.6		
Residential support	405	2,365	17.1		

Summary of service change requirements

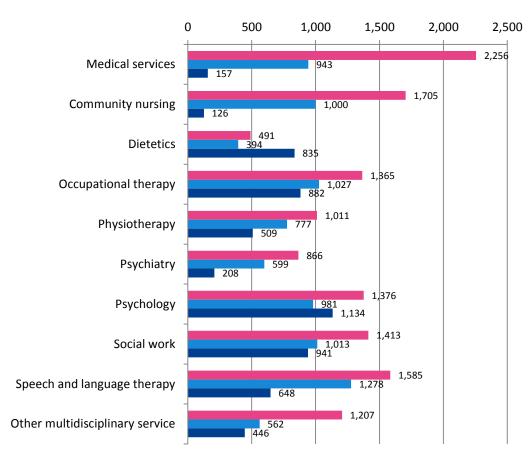
Of the 4,067 people who received services in CHO Area 4 in 2017, 1,714 people have recorded a requirement for a change or enhancement to their existing service in the period 2018-2022. To address this demand, 1,431 day places (of which 957 are health-funded places), 359 full-time residential places, and 223 residential support places will need to be changed or enhanced. The number of changes required (2,013) exceeds the number of people (1,714) as some people require changes to more than one type of service.

Multidisciplinary support services

The multidisciplinary support services for which there is the greatest need in the period 2018 to 2022 are (Figure 3):

- Psychology 1,134 people require this service for the first time and 981 require an enhanced service.
- Social work 941 people require this service for the first time and 1,013 require an enhanced service.
- Speech and language therapy 648 people require this service for the first time and 1,278 people require an enhanced service.

Figure 3 Multidisciplinary support services received in 2017 and required in the period 2018-2022, by people registered in CHO Area 4, NIDD 2017



Currently receiving this input

- Enhancement of service required 2018-2022 for those currently receiving this input
- New services required 2018-2022 for those not receiving this input

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